

PROPOSED CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

The following is, in part, the report of the special committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the State Society to reconstruct the Constitution and By-Laws in conformity with the recommendation made by the American Medical Association.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

SECTION 1. The name of this Society shall be the "Medical Society of the State of California."

SEC. 2. The purposes of this Society shall be to federate and bring into one compact organization the entire medical profession of the State of California, and to unite with similar societies of other states to form the American Medical Association; to extend medical knowledge and advance medical science; to elevate the standard of medical education, and to secure the enactment and enforcement of just medical laws; to promote friendly intercourse among physicians; to guard and foster the material interests of its members and to protect them against imposition; and to enlighten and direct public opinion in regard to the great problems of state medicine, so that the profession shall become more capable and honorable within itself, and more useful to the public, in the prevention and cure of disease, and in prolonging and adding comfort to life.

ARTICLE II.

COMPONENT SOCIETIES.

Component Societies shall consist of those county medical societies which hold charters from this Society.

ARTICLE III.

COMPOSITION OF THE SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. This Society shall consist of Members, Delegates and Guests.

SEC. 2. Members—The Members of the Society shall be the members of the component county medical societies.

SEC. 3. Delegates—Delegates shall be those members who are elected in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws to represent their respective component societies in the House of Delegates of this Society.

SEC. 4. Guests—Any distinguished scientist, or any physician not a resident of this State, may become a guest during any Annual Session on invitation of the President or the officers of this Society, and shall be accorded the privilege of participating in all of the scientific work for that Session. The President shall announce to the general meeting the names of such persons as have been invited to attend the meeting, and their names shall then be enrolled as guests of that annual meeting.

SEC. 5. At the expiration of one year from the date of the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, those "members at large" and "permanent" members who have not become members of a component society shall be dropped from the roll of members of this Society. All members at large at the time of the adoption of this Constitution and By-Laws, shall pay to the Secretary within thirty days the sum of three dollars (\$3.00), dues for the current year. At the expiration of thirty days the Secretary shall send by registered mail to each member of this class, whose dues remain unpaid, at his last known address, a second bill for the amount due, and if such accounts shall remain unpaid at the end of the second thirty

days, such names shall be dropped from the roll of members. This section shall cease to be a part of the Constitution without further action at the expiration of one year from the date of its adoption.

ARTICLE IV.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative and business body of the Society, and shall consist of (1) Delegates elected by the component county societies, (2) the Councilors, and (3), *ex-officio*, the President and Secretary of this Society.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of this Society shall be held annually.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the House of Delegates may be convened as the By-Laws provide.

SEC. 3. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum in the House of Delegates.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, two assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, five members of the Board of Medical Examiners and three Alternates, and twelve Councilors, of whom one shall be elected from each of the nine councilor districts and three at large. Not more than three Councilors shall be elected from any one councilor district. These officers shall be elected by the House of Delegates at the time and in the manner duly provided in this Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 2. The officers, except the Councilors, shall be elected annually. The terms of the elected Councilors shall be for three years, those first elected serving one, two and three years, as may be arranged. All of these officers shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. No Delegate shall be eligible to any office named in the preceding section, except that of Councilor, and no person shall be elected to any such office who is not in attendance upon that Annual Session and who has not been a member of the Society for the past two years.

ARTICLE VII.

COUNCIL.

The Council shall consist of the Councilors, and the President and Secretary, *ex-officio*. Besides its duties mentioned in the By-Laws, it shall constitute the Finance Committee of the House of Delegates. Five Councilors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

The House of Delegates may provide for a division of the scientific work of the Society into appropriate Sections, and for the organization of such District Societies as will promote the best interests of the profession, such societies to be composed exclusively of members of component county societies.

ARTICLE IX.

RECIPROCITY OF MEMBERSHIP WITH OTHER STATE SOCIETIES.

In order to broaden professional fellowship this Society is ready to arrange with other State Medical Associations for an interchange of certificates of membership, so that members moving from one state to another may avoid the formality of re-election.

ARTICLE X.

FUNDS AND EXPENSES.

Funds shall be raised by an equal per capita assess-

ment on each component society. The amount of the assessment shall be fixed by the House of Delegates, but shall not exceed the sum of \$2.00 per capita per annum, except on a four-fifths vote of the Delegates. Funds may also be raised by voluntary contributions from the Society's publications, and in any other manner approved by the House of Delegates. Funds may be appropriated by the House of Delegates to defray the expenses of the Society, for publications, and for such other purposes as will promote the welfare of the profession. All resolutions appropriating funds must be referred to the Finance Committee before action is taken thereon.

ARTICLE XI. REFERENDUM.

SECTION 1. A general meeting of the Society may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, order a general referendum on any question pending before the House of Delegates, and when so ordered the House of Delegates shall submit such question to the members of the Society, who may vote by mail or in person, and, if the members voting shall comprise a majority of all the members of the Society, a majority of such vote shall determine the question and be binding on the House of Delegates.

SEC. 2. The House of Delegates may, by a two-thirds vote of its own members, submit any question before it to a general referendum, as provided in the preceding section, and the result shall be binding on the House of Delegates.

ARTICLE XII. THE SEAL.

The Society shall have a common seal, with power to break, change or renew the same at pleasure.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS.

The House of Delegates may amend any article of this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present at any annual session, provided that such amendment shall have been presented in open meeting at the previous annual session, and that it shall have been published twice during the year in the Journal of this Society, or sent officially to each component society at least two months before the meeting at which final action is to be taken.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. All members of affiliated County Medical Societies shall, by virtue of such membership, be members of this Society, when duly reported by the President and Secretary of the County Medical Society. The name of a physician on the properly certified roster of members of a component society, which has paid its annual assessment, shall be *prima facie* evidence of membership in this Society.

SEC. 2. Any person who is under sentence of suspension or expulsion from a component society, or whose name has been dropped from its roll of members, shall not be entitled to any of the rights or benefits of this Society, nor shall he be permitted to take part in any of its proceedings, nor receive its publications, until he has been relieved of such disability. Any person who may be suspended for non-payment of dues is to be construed as coming within the provisions of this section.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the President and Secretary of each component society to furnish the Secretary of this Society with a correct list of its members, with addresses, at least one month prior to each annual meeting.

SEC. 4. Any physician residing in a county in

which there is no county medical society in affiliation with this Society, may make application for membership to the county society of the county nearest to that in which he resides, or to that adjoining county society which he could most conveniently attend.

SEC. 5. Each member in attendance at the annual session shall enter his name on the registration book, indicating the component society of which he is a member. When his right to membership has been verified, by reference to the roster of his society, he shall receive a badge, which shall be evidence of his right to all the privileges of membership at that session. No member shall take part in any of the proceedings of an annual session until he has complied with the provisions of this section.

SEC. 6. Honorary members are such distinguished persons as this Society may deem worthy of the compliment, and, after nomination in writing by three members, they may be elected to membership by the House of Delegates at any regular meeting. Their privileges shall be to take part in the scientific sessions and to receive programs and publications.

(To be continued next month.)

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS, (Continued.)

(From page 415.)

Dr. Moffit, in closing the discussion, said that all the conditions noted, temperature, vomiting, acetone and diacetic acid in the urine, etc., were undoubtedly not causes but results. The affection is one of a group of little understood neuroses and undoubtedly its principal cause was nerve disturbance of some sort. He thought the element of abdominal pain or of migraine might alternate with vomiting, and that probably many cases of appendicitis were really disturbances of this sort.

Dr. Kerr exhibited the pathological specimens taken at post mortem from the patient with Hodgkin's disease exhibited at the Academy in September and published in the report. (See JOURNAL, page 339.) Enormously enlarged glands were found associated with all the organs, the retroperitoneal glands seemingly more massive than others.

Toy Pistol Resolutions.—At the 29th Annual Session of the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, held at Memphis, October 7-9, the following resolutions were adopted:

"In view of the fact that more than 400 deaths from tetanus occurred following the 4th of July celebration of 1903, the great majority of which might have been prevented had proper precautions been taken; therefore,

"*Be it Resolved*, That the conclusions which follow, as offered by Dr. Stanton in a paper presented before the Association at the above meeting, be endorsed as the sense of the Association; and further

"*Be it Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions and conclusions to the Medical Press, Associated Press, and the Secretaries of the several State Medical Societies with the request that they publish the same and take suitable action thereon.

"1. Enforcement of existing laws regarding the sale of toy pistols and other dangerous toys. 2. Enactment of laws by the nation, states and municipalities prohibiting the manufacture and sale of toy pistols and blank cartridges, dynamite canes and caps, cannon crackers, etc. 3. Open treatment of all wounds, however insignificant, in which from the nature or environment there is any risk of tetanus. 4. Immediate use of tetanus antitoxin in all cases of Fourth-of July wounds, or wounds received in barnyards, gardens, or other places where tetanus infection is likely to occur. 5. As a forlorn hope, the injection of tetanus antitoxin after tetanus symptoms have appeared."

An International Sanitary Congress for the Adoption of Means of Defense against Cholera and the Plague opened at Paris on October 10. Representatives of twenty-five powers were present.